



June 25, 2007

## Bits & Pieces E-Newsletter

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**Give Me a Break!**  
**Pastors and Wives**  
**Retreat**  
**September 10-13**  
**Cannon Beach, OR**  
**It's time to register.**  
**You must pre-register!**



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"BNN" c/o Tabernacle Baptist Church, PO Box 55071, Shoreline, WA 98155  
OR Register online at [www.baptistnetworknw.org](http://www.baptistnetworknw.org)

**A registration form is included at the bottom of this letter.**

Registration update: 87 registrations so far.

Rooms remaining:

Pacific View	3
Beach Front	10
Tides	18
East Haven	13
No. Haven Front	6
No. Haven Back	8
Anchorage	5

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# Missionary notes

## From Tim and Martia Franklin, ABWE, Brazil

We thank the LORD for the good furlough He has given us, for safe travels and gracious reception in all our various destinations. We would like to have gotten around more but were unable. We are scheduled to return to Brazil for our second term the end of July.

Co-servants of Jesus,  
Tim and Martia

## “ACTION AFRICA” Tim Neufeld, ABWE, Togo Leads building team from Silverdale Baptist

Here we are, one day shy of the summer solstice, and then the days start getting shorter. We do enjoy daylight well past 10:00 p.m., and it is going to be a big change to travel back to Togo this weekend, where daylight last about 13 hours (5:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.). Esther will stay home to help care for her parents, while I travel with a team from Silverdale Baptist Church (also led by pastor Paul Hill). Our objective is to help build a church structure for the Kpogandji Baptist Church near Kpalime. We leave Saturday morning and arrive in Togo at 1:45 a.m. on Monday. With the 7 hour time change, it will be 6:45 Sunday evening here on the west coast. We will appreciate your prayer for what will be a whirlwind trip for all of us.

### Church Planting Movement

Esther and I have been involved in planting church in Togo, West Africa over a span of more than 30 years, and we receive news from time to time that lifts us up. Someone in Togo recently asked me for the names of churches in Northern Togo, and a friend and colleague, to help me out, sent us a list of all the churches (of which we know) started by ABWE missionaries or by churches that ABWE missionaries started in Togo. While going through the list of names, I made a count, and was surprised to find 84 churches. I've been telling people that we had 72 churches. Something is going on here, and I'm not yet sure that we can label it a "Church planting movement," but I suspect that's what we have. **(See article below)**

## Jon and Suzanne Wright, ENTRUST, Vienna, Austria

### MINISTRY UPDATE

It has been a full and delightful month of ministry as we have been touching lives with God's truth and love. It has been rewarding to see people growing as they study the Word and live its truths. Here are some of the blessings and challenges –

- Jon continues teaching the Men's Bible study at the UN each Tuesday. Jon and Suzanne continue doing evangelism and discipleship with several couples.
- Each week Jon meets with numerous men for one on one discipleship. It is a privilege to meet with diplomats and business people from such places as Brazil, Japan, China, Romania, Ghana, Nigeria, the UK, the Philippines, Germany, Iraq, the USA and so on!
- We continue seeking the right contact to enter OPEC to begin Bible Studies. We have a couple men speaking to some contacts.
- We have been helping at the International Baptist Church in Bratislava, Slovakia. Jon is preaching there again this weekend.
- Last week we were in **Germany** exploring ministry with the International Baptists. We are glad to find fellowship with people who share our heart for the international

- community. They invited us to attend their annual conference in Switzerland in mid July. We will be going to learn and get to know more of the pastors.
- Our mission director for the **Middle East** has informed us that they would like us to go to **Iraq** next year to teach. We are excited for this open door. We will keep you posted as plans clarify.

As you can see, God is and has been giving us many opportunities to serve Him. THANK YOU for praying and being part of this journey.

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## With the Lord

### Howie Wolff

After a three year battle with cancer, Howie Wolff went home to be with his Lord on Sunday morning, June 10, with his wife Pam at his side. A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 16 at the Rainier View Christian Church in Tacoma, Washington. Born in Kitanning, Pennsylvania, he came to Washington to attend Northwest Baptist Seminary where he not only received his degree, but met and married Pam and started a family. While serving as pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church for 21 years, he also was a volunteer firefighter and ad hoc chaplain for Central Pierce Fire and Rescue. He also served as commissioner of the Pierce County Fire District. As a board member of the Western Washington Basketball Association, he received the first ever Lifetime Membership award. Howard was a bus driver for the Franklin Pierce School District, security officer at Washington High School and Academic Dean and Professor at Tacoma Bible College.

The memorial service was marked by family involvement: welcome by son Dutch, eulogy by brother Tim, duet including daughter Mandy, and thanks from Pam surrounded by all the children and their spouses. Pastor Bob Bernard and sports official Jan Wolcott shared remarks on their friendship with Howie, and Professor Russ Glessner, close friend of Howie, gave the message. His theme was echoed by all the others, "He served the Lord completely" from the life of Caleb. Music by Tim Crepeau, Don Rose, Jan Wolcott and Jake McVay completed an inspiring service.

Thanks to the many who have followed Howie's battle and prayed, having never met him. Continue to pray for Pam, Daisy, Sarah, Dutch, Mandy and Chap and all the family.

## Dr. Joseph M. Stowell II

Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, GARBC National Representative for 10 years, went home to be with the Lord at the age of 96 on Saturday evening, June 23, 2007. God used Dr. Stowell's Biblical preaching, his reverence for his Lord, and his respect for pastoral ministry to strengthen the faith of countless pastors within our Fellowship and beyond. Dr. Stowell served with ABWE in various capacities for over 67 years. He served as a trustee of Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, for over 38 years. He also served on the General Council of Baptist Mid-Missions for over 30 years. Dr. Stowell shepherded the people of God in Michigan, Indiana, New York, and New Jersey where he pastored for twenty years at First Baptist Church of Hackensack. He preached the gospel on the radio for more than 20 years.



He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Corabelle; three children, Hannah (Clifton) Jensen of Hampton, Tennessee, Margaret (R. William) Wheeler of Cedarville, Ohio, Joseph M. (Martha Bennett) Stowell III of South Elgin, Illinois; fourteen grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph M. and Gertrude Faxon Stowell, as well as a sister, Ruth Elizabeth Stowell.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held on Monday, June 25, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel at Windsor Park Manor in Carol Stream, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers gifts may be sent to: "The Stowell Amazonas Project:"

ABWEPO Box 8585, Harrisburg, PA 17105

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## Camp Gilead Family Camp Offer to Pastors

Pastors!!! Come for FREE...no strings attached!

Wouldn't you love to come to Family Camp with your wife/family for a week of refreshment and teaching under the ministry of Pastor Curt DeGraaff? We have some available cabins at our Family Camp NEXT WEEK during fourth of July. The actual dates are: **July 2 – 7<sup>th</sup>** Space is limited to what is available.

Please email [saramoyer@campgilead.org](mailto:saramoyer@campgilead.org) to make arrangements and reservations. We'd love to see you out here for Family Camp.

Kimberly Mallory, Camp Gilead Program Director

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## More from Tim on Togo

...On June 10, I received this in a letter from Bea Ward.

We went from there to Lome so that we could be at the 20th anniversary celebration at the Solidarity church this morning. What a remarkable service! We certainly didn't expect to hear a very beautiful ensemble rendition of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus in Ewe! The choir had beautiful numbers, the children did choruses; some of the youth did an ensemble number, all the mothers sang (and swayed) and recited verses. Amongst all this Harry preached about setting stones of remembrance as a testimony to others and as encouragement for personal spiritual growth (Joshua 4). As the church recounted all the blessings and events of their 20-year history, they mentioned that they have already begun planting 13 daughter churches! How encouraging this must be to our ABWE missionary Tim Neufeld and those original donors who invested in one fledgling church a generation ago. We were very encouraged by the unity and maturity we saw in this congregation this morning.

**We are indeed encouraged, and this is why I believe there is a church planting movement going on in Togo today!** The Tokoin-Solidarity church started as a Bible study in our house in 1983. I remember debating at the time whether or not we should start something new just a few months prior to our furlough. But we talked it over with our fellow missionaries in Lome, and decided to move ahead. When we left for furlough, Steve and Jo Ann Carter, Phil and Kitty McMillen, and Tim and Helen Matchett worked as a team to keep it going and growing. When we returned from our second furlough in 1984, we became the primary leaders, while our co-workers went on to start other churches in Lome. God raised up a godly Togolese pastor, and a good team of Togolese leadership, and the church graduated to independence in 1987. This church is a testimony to teamwork. Come to think of it, God's work almost always involves teams of people working together in order to accomplish His will. I'm reminded of a story in Elizabeth Elliot's

biography of Amy Carmichael, A Chance To Die. **"One day as the two were driving a gig along a country road they came upon a stone breaker. Pulling up the old horse, Charlie, the D.O.M. (dear old man) turned to Amy. 'Which blow breaks the stone?' he asked. Then pointing with his whip he said, 'Thee must never say, thee never even let thyself think, 'I won that soul for Christ.' It is the first blow and the last, and every one in between." The same certainly holds true in church planting. One plants, another waters, but it is God who gives the increase.**

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## Pray for Our Churches without Pastors

Roswell BC, Roswell, ID  
Columbia Ridge BC, Vancouver, WA  
FBC of University Place, WA  
Bible Baptist, Seattle, WA (Burien)

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## NBHM Revolving Fund Needs Investors Current Interest Rates are a very good investment!

Demand notes now yield 3.5% per annum, 3-year notes yield 5%, and 5-year notes yield 6.5%. All are compounded semi-annually or paid semi-annually. Our need is a sign of growth in many of our churches. Let's get behind them with our financial resources. Pass the word along.

If you want to invest for eternity through our churches, **contact David Thompson at: PO Box 477, Burbank, WA 99323; (509) 544-6607. All financial matters for BNN/NBHM are handled through him.**

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## Sharing in "Bits and Pieces"

"Bits and Pieces" exists to share items of interest of, by and for the Baptist Network. Send items to Darrell Beddoe: [darrell@baptistnetworknw.org](mailto:darrell@baptistnetworknw.org). Call any time for assistance: 208-371-0237. FAX: 208-361-1471.

Check out our website: [www.baptistnetworknw.org](http://www.baptistnetworknw.org)

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# Retreat Registration Form

**Baptist Network Northwest Pastors and Wives Retreat  
September 1013**

**2007 Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center**

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Beach Front \_\_\_\_\_ Anchorage \_\_\_\_\_

Tides \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific View (bunk room) \_\_\_\_\_

East Haven \_\_\_\_\_ North Haven (back) \_\_\_\_\_

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Small \_\_\_ Med. \_\_\_ Large \_\_\_ X Large \_\_\_ 2XL \_\_\_

Shirt Order – **Ladies**

XS \_\_\_ Small \_\_\_ Med. \_\_\_ Large \_\_\_ X Large \_\_\_ 2XL \_\_\_

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